

Residents and business owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure that sidewalks in front of their property are shoveled and cleared of ice as soon as possible after any snowstorms this winter.

A number of Warwick residents walk, either for enjoyment or practical purposes. City and public safety officials are concerned that when sidewalks aren't cleared people are forced to walk in the street, which puts their safety at risk and poses an additional hazard for drivers.

In fact, it has been the law in the city for more than 35 years that an owner, owner-designated occupant, or any person having the care of a building clear sidewalks of ice and snow.

Those who do not comply with the law are subject to fines or other penalties. ( [Chapter 70, sections 101-105](#)

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Residents and business owners alike are also reminded that parking bans will also be enforced this season in order to assure the safety of pedestrians and drivers and to allow crews to more effectively clear snow from streets.